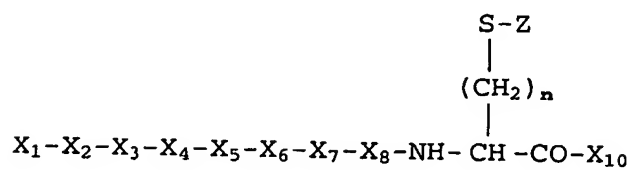


ABSTRACT

A compound having bone stimulatory activity:



Formula (I)

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in which:

X_1 and X_{10} are positively charged polar amino acids;

X_4 and X_8 are negatively charged polar amino acids;

X_5 is an aromatic amino acid;

10 X_2 , X_3 , X_6 and X_7 are non polar neutral amino acids or uncharged polar amino acids;

Z represents a blocking group; and n is an integer from 1 to 3.